

Docket No. 500.36322CX1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Tatsuya SUZUKI, et al  
Serial No.: 09/621,054  
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For: MANUFACTURED ARTICLE TREATMENT PROCESSING  
SYSTEM  
Group: 3639  
Examiner: Igor N. BORISSOV  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, the period of response for which an extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the Claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 5; and

**Authorization** begins on page 14.